(ग) भारतीय खाद्य निगम ने वाहनों का उचित ढंग से रख-रखाव करने और पैट्रोल की खपत में कमी करने के लिए विशिष्ट अनुदेश जारी किए है । रेल द्वारा जुड़े हुए स्थानों के बीच स्टाफ कारों के इस्तेमाल पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिए गए हैं । प्रबंधकों के स्तर के नीचे के अधिकारियों को हवाई अड्डों, रेलवे स्टेशनों और बस अड्डों पर ले जाने के लिए निगम के वाहनों के इस्तेमाल पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिए गए है । जो अधिकारी अपने मुख्यालय से 8 किलोमीटर के अन्दर-अन्दर यात्रा करने के लिए यात्रा भत्ता प्राप्त कर रहे है उनके द्वारा स्टाफ कारों के इस्तेमाल पर भी प्रतिबंध लगा दिए गए है । स्टाफ कार ड्राइवरों को समयोपरि भत्ते पर तैनात करने के लिए भी घंटों की अधिकतम संख्या निर्धारित कर दी गई है ।

वित्त मंत्रालय सरकारी वाहनों के इस्तेमाल और पैट्रोल की खपत में किफायत करने के लिए समय-समय पर अनुदेश जारी करता रहता है । खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय द्वारा इन अनुदेशों का अनुपालन किया जा रहा है ।

**Proposal to prevent soil erosion in the Border Districts of West Bengal**

3720. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to prevent soil erosion in the border districts of West Bengal which had led to the loss of thousands of acres to Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA). (a) and (b) While there are no specific proposals under consideration, however, under the on-going programmes that are being implemented in the border districts of Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar, some areas along with the border of Banglade_h have been treated through Terracing Afforestation and Engineering Works in order to stabilise the slope and prevent soil erosion.

**Rice in F.C.I. Godowns**

3721. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published under the caption "Orissa F.C I. Godowns without rice" in the 'Hindustan Times' of 23rd August, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the quantity of the rice taken out during the last three months from each of the Godowns for distribution?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 15-8-1987, the Food Corporation of India had 40,000 tonnes issuable rice in their godowns in Orissa. The quantity of rice lifted in Koraput district during August, 1987 was 3723 tonnes against the sub allocation of 3840 tonnes for the District. As on 1-10-87, a quantity of 40366 tonnes of issuable rice was available in the State with the Food Corporation of India.

(c) The district-wise allotment and issue position during the past three months (August—October, 1987) in Orissa is indicated in the statement enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 155].